

OF NOTE

The group is open to all families with a deployed member.

Call Tech. Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie, 846-0741.

★ **5-6 Club**

The 5-6 Club meets **April 28**, 12:30 p.m., in the Santa Fe Room of Sandia Crest Club.

A tour of the Confinement Center is at 1 p.m.

Call Tech. Sgt. Jennifer R. Mixon at 853-5813.

Miscellanea

★ **NM legislative support**

A bill signed by the New Mexico governor offers provisions to the New Mexico Guard and Reserve.

The bill gives: refunds or credits for tuition to state colleges while the individuals are on active duty and deployed;

a one-year extension to file a state personal income tax return after return from deployment

a one month extension after return from a deployment to renew a driver's license if it has expired;

and a free general hunting and fishing license for the year following a member's deactivation and return to the state.

In addition, the state will waive college tuition for four consecutive years for surviving children of members of the New Mexico National Guard or Reserve who are killed in the line of duty during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

★ **Roadwork**

Texas Street repaving, phase 1, from G to K avenues, begins **April 28**.

Signs will be posted for the four-week projects.

Seek alternate routes to parking areas.

★ **Boxing discount**

Military members can cash in on discounted tickets for seven boxing games **tonight** at the Sandia Casino Amphitheater.

Although Albuquerque's two-time world champion Danny Romero, Jr., was scheduled as the main attraction, due to illness, he will not be fighting.

Discounted tickets are \$10 and can be purchased, showing military ID, up to game time at the Sandia Casino ticket office inside the main entrance. Doors open at 6 p.m. with first bout scheduled at 6:30.

★ **Free admission**

Active duty military, Reservists, U.S. Coast Guard and National Guard members and their families will be admitted free for a single day to Seaworld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place during "Operation Salute."

Each member can bring four direct family members into the gardens beginning Memorial Day and concluding Veterans Day.

★ **A/C changeover**

The 377th Civil Engineers are changing from heating to cooling in base facilities through **May 9**.

All headquarters facilities, dormitories and other high-use facilities will be prioritized for the service.

Call 846-8222.

Personnel

★ **Thrift Savings Plan**

Thrift Savings Plan accounts open season ends **June 30**.

Military members can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting

Service Web site at www.dfas.mil/emss/ or by completing the form TSP-U-1 at personnel, finance or family support.

Information is available for civilians at the Thrift Savings Web site: www.tsp.gov/ or the BEST homepage at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm and for Air Force military members: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm.

All Air Force-serviced civilian employees must make their TSP contribution elections or changes through the BEST automated phone system at 800-997-2378.

Hearing impaired employees may contact BEST by calling TDD 800-382-0893.

Counselors are available weekdays, 6 a.m.-5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. The BEST Employee Benefits Information System Web application is located at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.

Recruiting

★ **Blood drives**

United Blood Services conducts blood drives at Sandia National Laboratories, **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Others drives are: 150th Fighter Wing, **May 7**, 8 a.m.-noon, in the Blood-mobile by the wing clinic;

Kirtland NCO Academy, **May 8**, 8-11 a.m., in front of the academy;

377th Logistics Readiness and Mission Support Squadron, **May 14**, noon-4 p.m., Vehicle Operations Building 20356; 377th Medical Group, **May 15**, 7:30 a.m.-noon.

★ **Vehicle decals**

Kirtland AFB vehicle decals are available at Pass and Registration in the Consolidated Support Building.

Any unit doing its own registration using Security Forces Management Infor-

mation Systems should place orders at 846-6429.

Individuals must have vehicle registration, proof of insurance, drivers license, identification card and an emissions test for vehicle years 1975-2001 registered out of Bernalillo County. Call 846-6429.

VA Health Care System presents flags to med group

The New Mexico Veterans Affairs Health Care System presented American and New Mexico flags to deploying 377th Medical Groups members April 22 to show support and encouragement for the unit's personnel currently assigned overseas.

The flags were donated by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists. Col. Regina Aune, 377th Medical Group commander, spoke at the presentation program.

TEAM KIRTLAND AF assistance fund goal at 49 percent

On this last day of the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, TEAM KIRTLAND has met 49 percent of its goal to raise \$56,471.

Krispy Kreme Donuts are on sale today, 6:30-9 a.m., at Maxwell and Gibson child development centers. Gas-pumping for customers is offered by donation at the East Shoppette, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

To make a donation, you may also contact Capt. Ruizsoriano at 846-6134 or 1st Lt. Douglas Chilson at 846-3100.

Commissary shelves low

Shoppers at the Kirtland AFB Commissary have noticed the shelves are looking bare.

Severe problems with stocking the shelves is due to trouble relating to distributors that service the Commissary, according to a release from the Commissary administrative office.

The Commissary staff regrets any inconvenience to its loyal customers and expects service to improve by May 3.